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SUBJECT: MAAG'S VIEW IEG URGENT REQUIREMENTS

EMBASSY ALSO FOR CMAAG

1. APPRECIATE BACKGROUND PROVIDED REF(A) AND FACT SIGNED
MAAG DOCUMENT ALREADY SUBMITTED MOD. NONETHELESS, BELIEVE
IMPORTANT COUNTRY TEAM UNDERSTAND STRONG RESERVATIONS STATE
AND DOD TO APPROACH TAKEN AT SECOND JOINT PRIORITIES COM-
MITTEE MEETING PER REF(A).

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2. BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE AND IRRESPECTIVE OF APPROPRIATE

QUALIFICATIONS RESERVING FINAL USG POSITION AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, CT ENDORSEMENT OF SPECIFIC HOST COUNTRY REQUIREMENTS INEVITABLY TRANSLATES INTO TACIT USG APPROVAL IN THEIR EYES. BELIEVE IEG IN ITS OWN INTEREST, IS CURRENTLY TAKING SUCH TACK. CERTAINLY THE EMPEROR'S REMARKS NOTED REF (B) TO ASD WILBUR SUGGEST THIS, INDEED, MAY BE OFFICIAL IEG INTERPRETATION.

3. GIVEN THE UNCERTAINTIES OF FY 74 AND FUTURE FUNDS (DECISION TO INCREASE ETHIOPIAN PROGRAM STILL UNDER REVIEW),

IT IS NOT YET CLEAR EXTENT USG MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP WITH MOD'S REQUIREMENTS. THIS FACT MUST BE MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO IEG AT ALL LEVELS ASAP. ALSO WE HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT NEED OF SUCH ITEMS AND ITEMS PROPOSED PRESENT SIGNIFICANT POLICY PROBLEMS. CURRENT PRACTICE OF NOT INTRODUCING U.S. MISSILES INTO AFRICA, WHILE ALWAYS OPEN TO REVIEW DEPENDING ON MERITS OF CASE AT HAND, INVOLVES OTHER FACTORS BEYOND ETHIOPIAN CONSIDERATIONS. M60 TANKS, SIMILARLY UP TO NOW PRECLUDED FROM AFRICA, RAISES QUESTIONS OF COSTS, SUITABILITY OF AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVES SUCH AS M48AS, AND IMPACT ON OVERALL ARMS SITUATION IN HORN AND US RELATIONS WITH SOMALIA.

4. IN VIEW OF THESE UNCERTAINTIES, BELIEVE CT SHOULD CONTINUE STRESS BOTH ORALLY AND IN WRITING, NON-COMMITTAL NATURE OF MAAG DOCUMENT PROVIDED TO MOD ON IEG'S URGENT REQUIREMENTS IN MAAG'S LETTER OF 24 JULY.

5. WE INTEND TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN DETAIL WITH AMBASSADOR ADAIR. ROGERS

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